

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Agriculture and Cooperation Department – Allegations of corruption against Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer Devarakonda, O/o Horticulture Resource Centre, Devarakonda, Nalgonda District – Trap Case – Prosecution orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 3.

Dated.13. 01.2015.

O R D E R:

1. Whereas, Sri Kamera Bhaskar joined in the Government service on 01.04.1996. He worked as Horticulture Officer, Devarakonda O/o. Horticulture Resource Centre Devarakonda, Nalgonda district from 04.07.2008 F.N. to 06.02.2014 and by virtue of the post held by him falls under category of public servant as defined under Sec.2(c) of the PC Act,1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. And whereas it is alleged that the complainant Sri Nenavath Gopal is having Ac.2-24 gts. of agriculture land in Sy. No. 150 at his village Toorupupally. He came to know that if he cultivate vegetables by erecting permanent pandal in 1 acre of his land for 3 years, the Government will give loan of Rs. 1,20,000/- per acre in RKVY scheme and out of which he will get Rs. 60,000/- as subsidy. As such, in order to obtain the loan from Government he met with Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer, Devarakonda on 29.11.2013 and submitted an application by enclosing all necessary documents to him. As per the advice of Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer he erected permanent pandal (canopy) to cultivate creeper vegetables, informed the same to him and submitted bills pertaining to erection of permanent pandal i.e. purchase of stone pillars, J- wire and labour charges etc. Subsequently on 03.01.2014, Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer along with field consultant visited his agriculture field and noticed the canopy of vegetable garden and informed to the complainant that, if the complainant pays Rs. 30,000/- as bribe to Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer he will help him to sanction of loan amount of Rs. 1,20,000/-. In the meantime Assistant Director, Horticulture -1 issued tentative sanction proceedings in respect of the complainant and handed over the same to Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer for disbursement. Later, when the complainant went to Horticulture Office at Devarakonda, and enquired with the Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer about his loan, Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer informed him about the sanction of loan of Rs. 1,20,000/- and subsidy of Rs. 60,000/- and asked him to submit an affidavit about declaration for cultivating vegetables for 3 years on Rs.100/- non judicial stamp paper and demanded him to pay the bribe amount of Rs. 30,000/-, then only he will submit his report to his superior officer and see that loan will be sanctioned. The complainant expressed his inability to pay that much amount as bribe and returned. On 1.2.2014, when the complainant met Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture officer at his office at Devarakonda, Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer reiterated his demand and asked the complainant to bribe amount of Rs.30,000/-. When he expressed his inability to pay that much amount as bribe and pleaded, Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer reduced it to Rs. 20,000/- and vehemently stated that if he pays Rs. 20,000/- as bribe to him, then only he will submit his report and see that his loan amount of Rs. 1,20,000/- is sanctioned. As there is no other way, complainant accepted to pay the amount and informed Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer, that he would pay the amount within 5 to 6 days by securing the amount. But he reluctant to pay bribe amount to Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer, approached the Inspector, ACB, Nalgonda on 03.02.2014 and lodged a complaint with a request to take necessary action against the Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Office. After verifying the facts of the complaint and after due enquiry, on 06.02.2014 at 10.30 AM the DSP, ACB, Hyderabad Range has registered a Case in Crime No. 04/ACB-HR/2014 U/s 7 of PC Act – 1988 and investigated into.

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3. And whereas on 06.02.2014, a trap was laid against Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer, Devarakonda, Nalgonda district and caught him red handed at his Office room of Horticulture Resource Centre, (Horticulture Office), Devarakonda at about 16.08 hours, when he further demanded and accepted an amount of Rs. 20,000/- as bribe from Sri Nenavath Gopal for doing official favour of Processing and Forwarding Inspection report on erection of permanent vegetable Pandal by the complainant at his agriculture land to Assistant Director, Horticulture – I, Nalgonda in order to get bank loan and release the Government subsidy amount to the complainant. The tainted currency notes of Rs. 20,000/- was seized from the trouser pocket of Sri Kamera Bhasker, Horticulture Officer in the presence of the official mediators. When the phenolphthalein test conducted the left hand fingers of Sri Kamera Bhasker, Horticulture Officer and inner linings of his wearing trouser which came in to contact with the bribe amount yielded positive results.

4. And whereas the said acts of Sri K. Bhasker, Horticulture Officer, Devarakonda of Nalgonda District constitute the offences punishable U/s 7 & 13 (1) (d) r/w 13 (2) of prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

5. And whereas the Government of Telangana being the competent authority to remove Sri Kamera Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer Devarakonda, O/o Horticulture Resource Center of Nalgonda District from service, after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. copies of the FIR, Pre & Post Trap Mediators reports, Statement of witnesses, Preliminary and final reports of the Director, ACB., and other relevant documents) which are placed before me in respect of the above said allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Sri K. Bhasker, Horticulture Officer Devarakonda, O/o. Horticulture Resource Center of Nalgonda District should be prosecuted in the court of law for the afore said offences.

6. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Sec 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act – 1988, the Government of Telangana hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Sri K. Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer, Devarakonda, O/o. Horticulture Resource Center of Devarakonda, Nalgonda District for the afore said offence punishable U/s 7 & 13 (1) (d) r/w 12 (2) of the PC Act, 1988 (Central act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said allegations and for taking cognizance of the said offence by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**(Dr. POONAM MALAKONDAIAH)
APC & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
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